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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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State of North Dakota,

Plaintiff and Appellee

v.

Joel Mejia,

Defendant and Appellant

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No. 20180178

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Appeal from the District Court of Mountrail County, North Central Judicial District, the Honorable Richard L. Hagar, Judge.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

[Wade G. Enget](#), Mountrail County State's Attorney, Stanley, ND, for plaintiff and appellee.

[Caitlyn A. Pierson](#), Minot, ND, for defendant and appellant.

**State v. Mejia**

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**Per Curiam.**

[¶1] Joel Mejia appeals from a criminal judgment entered after he was found guilty of simple assault following a bench trial. Mejia argues there was insufficient evidence to sustain his conviction for simple assault and that the district court was required to make a finding on his claim of self-defense. We summarily affirm under [N.D.R.App.P. 35.1\(a\)\(3\)](#), concluding there was sufficient evidence to support the guilty verdict. We also affirm under [N.D.R.App.P. 35.1\(a\)\(7\)](#), concluding in a case tried without a jury, the court need only find the defendant guilty or not guilty. *State v. Berger*, 235 N.W.2d 254, 263 (N.D. 1975).

[¶2] Gerald W. VandeWalle, C.J.  
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